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1. On 21 June 1955, the process of renumbering the motor vehicles in the area of Division Eggesin was started.

2. On 24 and 25 June, 90 recruits arrived at the artillery and tank battalion of the 2d Mecz Regt.²
3. On 20 June, the artillery battalion of one of the mechanized regiments was brought to full strength by personnel of the 2d Bn and, on 21 June, approximately 200 soldiers left for the summer camp in Ahlbeck. The technical supply company of the regiment also received personnel of the 2d Bn and thus reached a strength of 3 NCOs and 43 EM.^{2 3}
4. In June, the recruits of the mechanized regiments received field training. Target practice was once observed. The training schedule was delayed especially because less recruits arrived than were expected and several elements could not leave for the summer camp.²
5. In late June, the artillery regiment of the division was at the Ahlbeck firing range, while the division headquarters and signal battalion (called Dienststelle No. II) were noted in Eggesin.³
6. On 27 June, an instruction course for personnel of AAA companies from the entire area of the division was to start in a mechanized regiment.
7. Recruits stated that they had to enlist for only two years of service. Soldiers who had already completed their period of service were also reenlisted for two years.⁴
8. The 3d Mecz Regt had received a total of 320 recruits who were distributed to the individual units on 24 June.⁵
9. In late June, a partial quarantine was ordered for the KVP units in Spechtberg because of some cases of typhoid fever.

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10. In late June, steel concrete bridges were started (to be constructed across the Hecker and Randow Rivers in Torgelow and Eggesin respectively).
11. On 15 May, 200 recruits were to be trucked from the Ruinenberg Kaserne in Potsdam to the AAA unit in Altwarp.
12. From 13 to 26 June, new recruits arrived at the AAA unit in Altwarp almost daily. On 6 July, the unit totaled approximately 550 men of whom only 50 men were said to be older personnel.²
13. While the recruits who had arrived in about early June received field training as well as training on 2x37-mm AA guns and 4 AA machine guns, the recruits who arrived later received individual training without weapons.²
14. On 1 July, on occasion of the Day of the KVP, numerous promotions and decorations of officers and NCOs were effected with AAA Unit Rau.
15. In June, Driver School Unit Hecker in Altwarp was brought up to full strength with recruits. On 6 July, it numbered approximately 15 officers and 300 soldiers. The recruits received individual training, but no driver's training as yet.⁵
16. In early June, a signal unit of approximately 50 men conducted basic training of recruits. Signal training was not yet observed.⁶
17. On 15 June, the newly constructed workshop in the Altwarp installation was taken over by the AAA unit. The workshop personnel, approximately 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, came from a unit in Garpin. On 17 and 24 June, three 57-mm AT guns arrived at the workshop for overhauling.
18. On 5 July, the Heckerwende hospital was still unoccupied. It has a capacity of approximately 3,000 men and was expected to be completely equipped with billeting equipment by 28 July.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Ahlbeck is in the northern portion of the Jaegerbrueck troop training grounds. [REDACTED] 25X1
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4. [REDACTED] 25X1
5. [REDACTED] Comment. This is the first report to mention that untrained personnel were assigned to the drivers school of the division.
6. [REDACTED] Comment. These were probably all recruits who were to be given basic training for radio and telephone service of the AAA regiment. 25X1

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